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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1507**

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**Introduced by Senator Margett**

February 23, 2006

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An act to amend Section 130051 of, *and to repeal Section 130051.7 of*, the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1507, as amended, Margett. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Existing law establishes various regional transportation authorities, including the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which is composed of 14 members. Two of those members are public members, and 4 members are appointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee, based on the division of the County of Los Angeles into 4 sectors, as specified. Existing law also provides for an alternate appointment method for the public members in the event that the population of the City of Los Angeles is less than a certain percentage of the population of all cities in the county.

This bill would instead provide for one public member, and would specify 5 different sectors from which the committee would appoint 5 members. The bill would delete the provision providing for the alternate appointment method.

*Existing law established the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority as the successor agency to the Southern California Rapid Transit District and the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission.*

*This bill would delete an obsolete provision relating to those entities.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 130051 of the Public Utilities Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 130051. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan  
4 Transportation Authority consists of 14 members, as follows:  
5 (a) Five members of the Los Angeles County Board of  
6 Supervisors.  
7 If the number of members of the Los Angeles County Board of  
8 Supervisors is increased, the authority shall, within 60 days of  
9 the increase, submit a plan to the Legislature for revising the  
10 composition of the authority.  
11 (b) The Mayor of the City of Los Angeles.  
12 (c) One public member and one member of the City Council  
13 of the City of Los Angeles appointed by the Mayor of the City of  
14 Los Angeles.  
15 (d) Five members, each of whom shall be a mayor or a  
16 member of a city council, appointed by the Los Angeles County  
17 City Selection Committee. For purposes of the selection of these  
18 five members, the County of Los Angeles, excluding the City of  
19 Los Angeles, shall be divided into the following five sectors:  
20 (1) North County/San Fernando Sector.  
21 (2) Westside/Central Sector.  
22 (3) San Gabriel Valley Sector.  
23 (4) Gateway Sector.  
24 (5) South Bay Sector.  
25 The League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division,  
26 shall define the sectors. Every city within a sector shall be  
27 entitled to vote to nominate one or more candidates from that  
28 sector for consideration for appointment by the Los Angeles  
29 County City Selection Committee. A city's vote shall be  
30 weighted in the same proportion that its population bears to the  
31 total population of all cities within the sector.  
32 The members appointed pursuant to this subdivision shall be  
33 appointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee

1 upon an affirmative vote of its members which represent a  
2 majority of the population of all cities within the county,  
3 excluding the City of Los Angeles.

4 The members selected by the city selection committee shall  
5 serve four-year terms with no limitation on the number of terms  
6 that may be served by any individual. The city selection  
7 committee may shorten the initial four-year term for one or more  
8 of the members for the purpose of ensuring that the members will  
9 serve staggered terms.

10 (e) One nonvoting member appointed by the Governor.

11 *SEC. 2. Section 130051.7 of the Public Utilities Code is*  
12 *repealed.*

13 ~~130051.7. (a) The Los Angeles County Transportation~~  
14 ~~Commission and the Southern California Rapid Transit District~~  
15 ~~shall conduct joint regular meetings at least once during each~~  
16 ~~quarter of the calendar year.~~

17 ~~(b) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section~~  
18 ~~130051, the members of the Los Angeles County Board of~~  
19 ~~Supervisors and the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, rather~~  
20 ~~than their alternates, shall personally serve at the joint meetings.~~

21 ~~(c) Notwithstanding Section 30201, the members of the Los~~  
22 ~~Angeles County Board of Supervisors, rather than their~~  
23 ~~appointees, shall personally serve at the joint meetings.~~

24 ~~(d) Notwithstanding Section 30201, the Mayor of the City of~~  
25 ~~Los Angeles, rather than the mayor's appointee, shall personally~~  
26 ~~serve at the joint meetings as one of the two directors~~  
27 ~~representing the City of Los Angeles.~~

28 ~~(e) It is the intent of the Legislature that reasonable efforts be~~  
29 ~~made to discuss major fiscal and policy items related to the Los~~  
30 ~~Angeles County Transportation Commission and the Southern~~  
31 ~~California Rapid Transit District at the meetings required by~~  
32 ~~subdivision (a). This statement of legislative intent shall not be~~  
33 ~~construed as requiring any action which would interfere with,~~  
34 ~~delay, or otherwise impede the orderly and proper functioning of~~  
35 ~~the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission or the~~  
36 ~~Southern California Rapid Transit District.~~